

Hall-Wister House  
330 S. Third Street  
Philadelphia  
Philadelphia County  
Pennsylvania

HABS No. PA-1332

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE PENNSYLVANIA	COUNTY PHILADELPHIA	TOWN OR VICINITY PHILADELPHIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) HALL-WISTER HOUSE		HABS NO. PA-1332
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 330 S. Third Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Bet. 1771 and 1774	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) John Hall, house carpenter	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Original residence of William Wister, a businessman, Revolutionary War currency endorser and member of a prominent Philadelphia family. Following his death in 1800, the house continued to be owned by his family until 1853. In 1960, a collateral descendant (William was a lifelong bachelor) repurchased the house.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Rowhouse		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick walls.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Approx. 16' (two-bay front) X 20'; 2 1/2 stories. One-room ground story.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Pedimented side entrance (installed at restoration time); brick stringcourses. Original construction plans included a separate 2-story kitchen building measuring 11' X 20'. The house and the kitchen building cost £175 and £75 respectively.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Original flooring, woodwork and eared paneling are intact in the second and third floors. The woodwork in the first floor is a copy of the second floor.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Webster, Richard. <u>Philadelphia Preserved</u> . Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1976. Eastwick, Suzanne Wister. "Short History of 330 South Third Street and Sketch of William Wister", a short informative paper written April 6, 1961.		
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